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THE FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR IMMEDIATE
USE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN:

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES HAS REACHED SUBSTANTIVE
AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF MAJOR MEAT EXPORTING
COUNTRIES ON ARRANGEMENTS TO GOVERN TRADE IN MEAT,
MAINLY BEEF, DURING 1977. THE OVERALL SYSTEM OF
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ARRANGEMENTS WITH SUPPLYING COUNTRIES WILL PROVIDE

ASSURANCE THAT AGGREGATE IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT EXCEED 1281.9 MILLION POUNDS NEXT YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 4 PERCENT OVER IMPORTS IN 1976. IN THE CASE OF SOME OF THE COUNTRIES, THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE AGREED ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS, SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS. FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CONCLUDED SHORTLY. CANADA, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN A PARTICIPANT IN PREVIOUS RESTRAINT PROGRAMS, WILL BE COVERED BY THE 1977 ARRANGEMENT. HOWEVER, THE PRECISE TERMS OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION WHICH WILL COVER THE TWO WAY US-CANADIAN TRADE IN MEAT ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.

UNDERTAKEN AT THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT FORD, THE NEGOTIATIONS COMMENCED DECEMBER 6 IN WASHINGTON WITH THE US REPRESENTED BY OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND AGRICULTURE AND THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE WORKING UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY COMMITTEE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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